

Crop Progress & Condition



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Crop Progress (in %):

Good Week for Field Work: Pennsylvania had an average of 4.5 days suitable for field work this week. Fieldwork is still hindered by rain and heavy soils. Fruit trees are mostly in bloom with reported winter damage to cherries. Most fruit trees were fully bloomed by this point last year. Corn is continuing to be planted with some fields already emerging. Some farmers are starting to burn down their cover crops and cut rye for forage for livestock. Corn and soybean planting will soon be in full swing. This upcoming week's weather is looking very wet with at least a 30% chance of showers and scattered thunderstorms every day. Temperatures will still be warm though with a high's in the mid 80's and overnight lows in the upper 50's.

PA Soil Moisture for Week Ending May 11, 2014 (equal to 100%)

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil	0%	1%	83%	16%
Subsoil	0%	2%	83%	15%

	May 11	Last Year	5-year Average
Spring Tillage	58	-	-
Corn Planted	27	45	41
Corn Emerged	7	8	12
Oats Planted	79	92	84
Oats Emerged	51	65	59
Soybean Planted	7	16	15
Barley Headed	28	44	70
Potatoes Planted	33	59	45
Tobacco	87	-	-
Apples Pink	81	-	-
Apples Full Bloom	71	97	98
Cherries Half Inch Green to Pink	92	-	-
Cherries Full Bloom	91	-	-
Peaches Pink	82	-	-
Peaches Full Bloom	80	-	-

Crop Condition (in %):

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	0	6	28	55	11
Alfalfa	0	1	32	60	7
Hay					
Other Hay	0	3	31	59	7
Pasture	6	13	35	33	13

For a complete nationwide weekly weather and crop bulletin, please visit www.usda.gov/oc/weather and click on "[Weekly Weather and Crop Bulletin.](#)"

May 11, 2014 Pennsylvania Weekly Weather Summary

		Last Week Weather Summary						Accumulation Since April 1, 2014					
		Temperature			Precipitation			Precipitation			GDD Base 50F		Base 40F
Region	Station	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total	Days	Total	DFN	Days	Total	DFN	Total
Northwest	Clarion	84	31	55	+2	0.04	2	5.67	+0.50	19	95	+16	369
	Erie	84	34	56	+2	0.68	3	4.62	+0.13	17	142	+43	417
	Franklin_AG	84	32	56	+2	0.37	3	6.19	+1.29	20	116	+22	410
	Meadville-Port	84	35	58	+5	0.69	3	5.72	+1.12	18	146	+72	458
	Springboro	83	31	54	0	1.04	3	6.65	+2.47	19	102	+27	347
	Warren	86	32	56	+3	1.02	4	5.39	+0.37	20	111	+31	381
North Central	Bradford_Region	81	30	54	+3	0.36	3	5.01	+0.29	18	93	+43	325
	Coudersport_1SW	84	27	52	-2	0.48	4	4.30	+0.06	18	76	+12	261
	Kane	83	30	52	+3	0.50	2	4.98	-0.19	17	76	+42	308
	Laporte	76	37	54	+3	0.19	3	4.54	-0.17	18	72	+12	274
	Lock_Haven	82	35	57	+2	0.36	4	3.58	-0.92	17	131	+14	424
	Oswayo	83	26	53	+2	0.36	3	3.91	-0.29	17	80	+32	277
	Renovo	87	34	57	+1	0.46	5	4.30	-0.07	19	126	+1	427
	Ridgway	84	30	55	+3	0.43	4	5.10	+0.18	19	103	+53	363
	Stevenson_Dam	87	30	55	+2	0.37	3	4.16	-0.41	17	89	+11	324
	Towanda	83	33	56	+2	0.52	2	3.44	-0.85	15	105	+15	350
	Wellsboro	79	34	54	+3	0.30	4	4.19	+0.75	18	79	+30	288
	Williamsport_AP	79	37	60	+3	0.18	3	3.22	-1.58	13	184	+52	508
Northeast	Hawley	81	32	54	+2	0.24	4	4.66	-0.48	19	78	+20	297
	Milanville	82	30	55	+2	0.65	2	4.15	-0.99	14	101	+43	354
	Susquehanna	77	33	55	+1	0.85	4	4.70	-0.66	19	90	+9	321
	Wilkes-Barre	80	39	60	+3	0.17	2	3.24	-1.31	14	179	+54	483
West Central	Butler	84	32	57	+3	0.17	3	4.36	-0.57	18	128	+46	444
	New_Castle_Ag	84	33	58	+3	0.48	4	5.44	+0.97	20	148	+44	473
	Slippery_Rock	87	32	58	+5	0.38	4	5.51	+0.73	19	147	+84	470
Central	Altoona_AP	83	37	59	+3	0.48	3	4.12	-0.44	17	175	+44	505
	Du_Bois	83	34	58	+4	0.14	3	4.97	+0.37	18	165	+83	480
	Lewistown	86	38	59	+2	0.20	2	3.94	-0.65	15	155	+8	483
	Middletown	79	43	61	+2	1.03	1	7.12	+2.26	14	229	+25	599
	Prince_Gallitzi	84	29	56	+2	0.33	2	3.44	-1.17	18	123	+34	408
	Selinsgrove_2S	81	38	58	+2	0.02	2	4.57	-0.35	13	133	+11	433
	State_College_P	85	39	59	+4	0.15	3	3.77	-0.60	17	158	+45	470
East Central	Allentown-Bethl	81	36	59	+3	0.20	3	7.20	+2.20	16	195	+68	523
	Lehighton	82	37	57	+3	0.31	4	7.72	+2.11	17	118	+27	409
	Mt_Pocono	76	35	55	+4	0.25	3	6.34	+0.40	15	98	+63	349
Southwest	Pittsburgh_Alle	85	40	63	+9	0.67	2	5.17	+0.68	18	299	+192	672
	Chalk_Hill	83	28	57	+2	1.49	4	4.99	-1.92	21	127	+23	406
	Connellsville_A	86	32	60	+4	0.73	4	4.80	-0.46	20	196	+61	531
	Indiana_3SE	84	30	56	-1	0.53	3	4.57	-0.69	18	134	+10	442
	Meyersdale	81	30	54	+1	1.42	4	4.66	-0.99	19	79	+5	339
	Pittsburgh_Intl	85	35	61	+5	0.47	3	4.86	+0.59	18	245	+95	607
	Waynesburg	85	33	58	+3	0.48	3	4.19	-0.48	20	164	+46	490
South Central	Biglerville	83	44	60	+5	0.15	2	5.58	+0.41	14	191	+68	532
	Everett	86	33	55	-1	0.47	3	4.61	-0.09	16	86	-24	365
	Hanover	82	40	60	+1	0.25	2	6.83	+2.13	15	176	-21	515
	Harrisburg_AP	79	42	60	+2	0.32	1	5.84	+0.98	14	207	+3	567
	South_Mountain	81	36	58	-2	0.31	3	5.33	-0.37	16	116	-84	411
	York_AP	81	36	60	+1	0.10	3	6.61	+1.66	17	201	+1	543
Southeast	Doylestown_AG	82	41	59	-1	0.40	2	7.40	+1.84	13	190	-21	522
	Green_Lane	81	41	60	+3	0.14	3	9.37	+4.16	14	185	+53	517
	Hamburg	80	40	59	+2	0.38	3	7.42	+2.24	16	161	+16	484
	Lancaster_AP	79	39	59	+1	0.19	1	5.03	+0.27	15	196	+31	538
	Neshaminy_Falls	82	38	60	+3	0.32	3	7.80	+2.15	15	196	+35	538
	New_Holland	82	40	62	+6	0.18	1	7.03	+1.52	15	223	+88	578
	Philadelphia_AP	84	49	63	+3	0.13	2	6.95	+2.07	12	316	+85	701
	Philadelphia_NE	83	46	63	+5	0.58	2	7.84	+2.19	14	308	+147	682
	Reading_AP	82	43	62	+3	0.51	2	7.15	+1.94	15	239	+69	600
	Sellersville	81	39	57	-1	0.12	2	9.21	+3.38	14	143	-1	453
	West_Chester	83	40	60	+2	0.55	2	9.51	+4.25	15	189	+8	514

Summary based on NWS data. DFN = Departure From Normal.
 Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches.
 Air Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit.
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REPORTERS COMMENTS, By County

Reporters are from Extension Service (Ext), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Farm Service Agency (FSA), Conservation District (CD), farmers, commodity specialists, or other knowledgeable individuals.

ADAMS County, Judy A. Behney

Corn and soybeans are being planted in the county as soil conditions have improved this week with warmer weather and sunshine/breezes that have dried out the fields. Still wet in some areas but better soil is allowing producers to plant. Small grains and hay are growing and getting greener and taller as the warmer temperatures and sunshine. Pastures are also growing. Fruit blossoms are still pretty scenery if you are in the fruit part of our county. Cherry producers are expecting a severe loss on their crop this year due mostly to cold temperatures in April when the cherries were pushing buds. Also, other early blooming fruit crops such as Apricot, Plums will have a loss due to cold temperatures in April. Apples appear to be ok for now but that may change as year continues. Penn State put out bulletin about Stink Bugs starting to emerge and other insects also so fruit growers are kept busy spraying as needed for their fruit crops. Scab is also trying to be controlled by spraying. Vegetables are being planted throughout the county. Strawberries are blooming but are going to be later than normal for harvest. Overall all the farmers are busy readying for 2014 planting season and hoping we get some rain this summer when crops are needing it.

ADAMS County, Lee Showalter

Peaches are now petalfall approaching shuck split Apples are mostly beyond full bloom running 5-7 days later than normal. Pollinating weather has been adequate.

ADAMS/FRANKLIN County, Thomas Kerr

Normal week. Apples in full bloom. Some varieties may be reduced in some blocks but overall a very good crop at this time. Peaches are good as well. Cherries are most significantly damaged, with at least 50 to 75% loss. Some rye being cut for forage this week.

CAMBRIA County, Dolly Little

Finishing up oats, planting corn and potatoes were the main activities this week.

CENTRE County, Dick A. Decker

Great week for field work. 0.1 inches of rain fall.

CLARION/VENANGO/FOREST/WARREN County, Tom Tanner

Many acres of new seedings, oats, soybean, triticale, and corn planted this week.

COLUMBIA/LACKAWANNA/LUZERNE/MONTOUR County, C. John Esslinger

The cherry crop is very poor due to winter damage. The peach crop has been reduced, especially north of I-80. The apple crop looks good, so far.

INDIANA County, C. John Esslinger

Finished up the oasts last week. Now working on finishing the plowing. Now gearing up to plant some corn. Hope everyone has a safe week farming.

JUNIATA/SNYDER County, William C. Sheaffer

A very good week for field activities. Corn planting, spraying, field preparations were the norm. All crops are looking good at this point.

LANCASTER County, Jeff Graybill

Many acres of corn and soybean were planted last week. Lots of ryelage cut between showers last week as well.

LEBANON County, Charlene Ziegler

Corn was planted in fields that were dry enough. Many fields are still very wet. A few farmers planted soybeans. Ryelage was harvested. Cover crops continue to be burned down.

MONTGOMERY County, Andrew Frankenfield

Planting continues to be delayed due to less than ideal planting conditions on the heavier soils in the area. Lots of spraying to burn down fields for planting some corn planting by late week. More rain over the weekend set planting back even more. Livestock have been put out on pasture and hayfields have grown considerably in the past week. Warmer weather has arrived now it depends on where the showers and thunderstorms hit if farmers can get in the fields to plant.

SCHUYLKILL County, Kelly Sundy

Barley producers have begun phoning the office regarding burn-down of their barley acreage. A significant amount of barley acreage will not be taken to harvest but will be killed off and planted to most likely corn.

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